

Existing constitution and existing law create and provide for two fire and police civil service systems:

- (1) One applicable to any municipality which operates paid police and fire departments and which has a population of not fewer than 13,000 persons.
- (2) One applicable to any parish, fire protection district, or municipality with a population of fewer than 13,000 but not fewer than 7,000 persons.

Existing constitution authorizes modifications to such systems (by law adopted by 2/3 of each house of the legislature with respect to provisions of Art. XIV, §15.1 of the 1921 Constitution made statutory by the Constitution of 1974) but prohibits the legislature from abolishing the system or making it inapplicable to covered jurisdictions.

Existing law provides for local civil service boards which operate the civil service system in particular jurisdictions. As applicable to system (2), provides that such a board shall be comprised of five members if both services (fire and police) operate in the jurisdiction and three members if only one service operates.

Existing law provides relative to meetings of the local civil service boards.

Prior law provided that two members of any three- or five-member board constituted a quorum and that the concurring votes of two members were sufficient for any decision.

New law provides that two members shall constitute a quorum of a three-member board and four members shall constitute a quorum of a five-member board. Provides that concurrence of a simple majority of the members of any board shall be sufficient for any decision.

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